

Southcentral BOG meeting comments

March 4, 2015

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM

In attendance: Mike Crawford – chair, Bob Ermold – vice chair, Monty Roberts, Paul Shadura, Dick Dykema, Dyer VanDavere, Michelle Williams, Mike Hamrick.

Proposal 156 – Motion made and seconded to adopt as amended by ADF&G. Amendment vote 7-1. Vote on proposal 7-1. There is concern about the Sept 25th closing date and if that will have a significant increase in harvest. Chair asked for clarification and without objection, the committee agreed that the additional antlerless hunt as part of the amendment should be adopted as a new hunt. We understand that this is in addition to the standing Homer area antlerless hunt.

157 – No action. 8-0.

7:35 PM - Christine Brandt joined meeting

158 – Failed, vote 0-9. Given the fact that the moose population is recovery from previous low numbers, and given the recent restrictions for residents, we do not support adding an additional user group (i.e. non-residents at this time.)

159 – No action based on action taken on 158. Vote 9-0.

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161 – Failed 0-9. Given action taken on 156, with the extended date to Sept 25th (assuming it passes), by dropping to 3 brow tine, we are concerned about additional harvest of breeding age bulls. We would rather have the harvest allocation go to spikes versus 3 brow tine.

162- No action based on 156. Vote 9-0

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164 – Failed 2-6-1. Opposition – willing to talk about this in upcoming years but considering action on 156 felt this is too radical. Abstain – same comment. In favor – same comment.

165 – Motion to amend for archery season in 15C to resemble season dates and regulations in 15 A and 15B for resident only. Amendment vote 7-0-1. Proposal vote as amended 6-1-1. Opposition – opposes opening up more liberalization and opportunity. Abstain – no comment. In favor – more opportunity and consistency with other sub-units.

166 - No action based on action taken on 156. Vote 9-0.

167 – Amended to strike one cow or calf moose, strike shotgun/muzzleloader, change dates to Oct 1-March 30. Amendment vote 9-0. Proposal vote 8-1. Opposition – with action taken on 156, we’ve already added an additional antlerless hunt in 15 C. In favor – wants to give department discretion to cover “hot spots” so that roadside problem moose can be allocated to hunters and less likely to end up as roadkill.

168 – Support 8-0.

171 – Motion made to accept the following language – “Ask BOG to direct the department to manage brown bears in an effort to reduce DLPs, increase maximize, hunter opportunities, and manage in accordance with the State’s wishes and management authority, and not go in conjunction with KNWR desires.” Amendment vote 6–0–2. Abstain - cautious about using inflammatory language against KNWR. Proposal vote 7-0-1.

170 – Failed 0-7-1. Abstain – believes that everyone has their own thoughts and I can’t say that the state is wrong or the KNWR are wrong. Opposition - believes that state should have management authority and has their own proposal and process to address this issue; and based on comments made on 171.

178 – Failed 0-8. Unnecessary. Trappers don’t want additional regulations, especially if it is only Unit specific.

179 – No action based on action taken on 178. 8-0.180 – Failed 0-8. - Areas of restriction are far too extensive, with lynx season closure the conflicts will likely decrease now for several years, and responsible dog ownership involves controlling pets in a manner that should minimize dog and trapper conflicts.

181 – Failed 0-8. Same comments as 180.

182 – Failed 0-8. We believe that it is acceptable to shoot bears from boats and that this should not be an issue of whether or not someone has a physical disability.

183 – Failed 0-8. Isn’t necessary, the ability for groups and individuals to make comments is already available.

Approval given with unanimous consent to have Bob Ermold to represent the AC for BOG meeting next week.

Support given to allow Mike Crawford represent the AC at the BOF for reimbursement purposes, but also Paul Shadura to give representative comments during committees.